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UK COMPROMISE

1. VAN DER BYL AND PARTRIDGE CALLED ON RICHARD NOVEMBER 23.
RICHARD TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THEIR CALL TO GIVE THEM A
COPY OF HIS LATEST FORMULA FOR SETTling THE DATE OF
INDEPENDENCE QUESTION. APART FROM PARTRIDGE'S LONG AND
ANTAGONISTIC DESCRIPTION OF THE WAY BRITAIN HAS PLAYED
ITS HAND, VAN DER BYL AND PARTRIDGE DID NOT SAY SALISBURY
COULD NOT LIVE WITH THE LATEST TEXT.

2. THE BRITISH ALSO MADE COPIES OF THE TEXT AVAILABLE
TO THE MUZOREWA AND SITHOLE DELEGATIONS. THEY ANTICIPATE
NO DIFFICULTIES FROM EITHER PARTY.

3. THE BRITISH TELL ME THAT THEY CAN DO LITTLE MORE THAN
HOPE THAT THE LATEST FORMULA WILL PASS MUSTER. THEY ARE NOT
OPTIMISTIC. CATTO

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